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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-110072 is cited on page 4 of the specification of the present application, and the relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation and an English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-114551 is cited on page 5 of the specification of the present application, and the relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation and an English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-114552 is cited on page 5 of the specification of the present application, and the relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation and an English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-119537 is cited on page 5 of the specification of the present application, and the relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4-6 of the specification of the present application. This document also corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,491,992 B1.

5. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-081548 together with an English-language translation of the document. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

6. Japanese Patent Application No. 09-077536 together with an English-language translation of the document. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

A statement of relevance of non-English documents listed above as 4-6, is also included in the English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

Listed documents 4-6 above were also cited and discussed in an office action issued by the Japanese Patent office in corresponding (priority) Japanese Application No. 2004-195438. Enclosed is a copy of the Japanese Office Action dated August 30, 2005, and an English-language translation thereof which also discusses the relevance of listed documents 4-6 above.

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